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Take Two Tablets...

by Don Rubin

The tomb is dusty and silent. The torch throws wavering shadows on the walls. Though chiseled there for thousands of years, the hieroglyphs almost seem to move. But what do they mean? To the Egyptians they were as clear as a bill from the feedstore or yesterday's weather report.

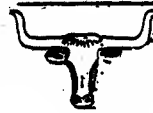
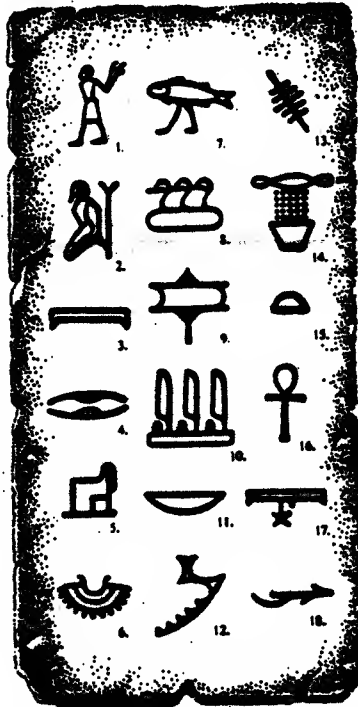
This system of writing is based on pictures or symbols of objects or ideas. The fact that they also had phonetic values is a puzzle for another day. Just match each hieroglyph with its English translation at the bottom. Tut, Tut, it's simple.

— life (ankh)
— night
— the two lips
— plants in field
— to hide
— altar
— mirror
— king
— to transport

— to fly
— backbone
— hair
— wind
— jawbone
— a branch, wood
— cake
— go back, retreat
— breastplate

— heaven
— a reed
— a mouth
— headgear
— storm
— to fight
— to swim
— seat, throne
— to weep

— to dance
— childbearing
— lord, all, bowl
— radiance
— tunic
— day
— captive
— grape juice
— nest



1983 H

Longhorn

S 1904

**SULTAN SEEKS SANCTUARY FROM SIEGE;
ANGLO-FRENCH ALLIES SOLIDIFY FRONT**

> AUTUMN 1903: Turkey NRH; GM disbands dsl
F Gre.

> WINTER 1903: France builds F Mar; Russia
builds A Mos; Turkey NBR, plays 1 short.

ENGLAND (Seth Owen): A BEL S A Hol, A HOL
s A Bel, F NWG s F Nwy, F NWY s F Ska,
F Yor-NTH (F SKA s).

FRANCE (Rick Ragsdale): F Mar-LYO,
F Tus-TRH (F WES s), F TUN-Ion, A Gas-MAR
(A BUR s).

GERMANY (John Mayes): F DEN-Ska, A KIE-Hol
(A RUH s), A MUN s A Ruh.

ITALY (Mark Luedi): A Ven-TUS (A ROM s),
F ION-Trh.

AUSTRIA (Gregg Fritz): A Pie-VEN (A TRI s),
A Vie-TYO, A Ser-BUL (F GRE s).

RUSSIA (Joe Gallagher): A Sev-RUM, F BLA s
Austrian A Ser-Bul, A SMY-Con, A ARM s
A Smy (otml), F SWE s German F Den-Ska,
A Stp-FIN, A Mos-STP.

TURKEY (Mike Cannon?): NMR! F CON h,
F Bul(ec) h [dsl, ret to Aeg, Eas or dsl].

> No standby will be called for Turkey, but
Mike Cannon is still eligible to submit
Turkish orders.

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TSAR-ENGLISH MONARCH: We could settle this
thing in the north if you invested in
postage just a little.
TSAR-POPE: Beware of Frogs bearing fleets.
BERLIN RESTAURANTEER: Reports have it that
frog legs served with English swallow cooked
in some of Germany's finest eating
establishments is becoming increasingly
popular with the German populus.
LONDON: The Prime Minister predicted today
that the recent economic stagnation will
soon be replaced by a dramatic boom
supported by a favorable balance of "trade".

RETURN OF THE PUZZLER

Win a couple of free issues of LSD for the
correct answers to this month's puzzler. If Ralph
Morton wins, then the runner-up will also get a
prize, with a coin toss breaking ties.

Post Office of Texas

Mike:

I read Conrad Minshall's "Convoys Confound Computerist" and wish to point out that revised rule XII.4 in the new rulebook would unquestionably allow both A Wal-Bre and A Den-Stp to succeed despite the dislodged F Nth in both hypothetical cases.

Paul Milawski
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Dear Mike,

How do I like Washington? Well, I haven't seen very much of it so far except Seattle. I must say I like the weather on this side of the mountains. All the flowers in bloom here were a welcome sight to an Easterner who is used to the advent of spring in late April or mid-May, not in mid-March when it arrives here.

The cost of living is a bit lower here too. Fresh veggies, wine, and beer being considerably cheaper than in Eastern Canada. Surprisingly, some items are more expensive here, like tinned kidney beans or tinned mushrooms.

I especially like the Sunday paper. This is an American tradition I wish would make it to Canada. We have a Saturday paper which is similar but not nearly as thick as the US city papers at the newsstand.

The one thing I don't like is the incidence of violent crime here. Just yesterday, for example, a bank robber was shot dead trying to escape, and the policeman that shot him was himself wounded in the neck. At 2:00 pm an armoured car was held up by armed robbers in the parking lot of a local shopping mall, the one where I've been fairly often. There's some psycho murderer on the loose in Seattle or just south of it that's killed 22 known victims, all women, in the last year-and-a-half who still hasn't been caught. The husband of a PhD student in the lab was beaten up and robbed by muggers in the University district the weekend before I arrived.

All these things make my skin crawl. Violence like that isn't even in the same magnitude of frequency in Canada, and in Halifax, the city closest to my home (population about 200,000), if there is one murder a year, it's a catastrophe. If some sailor gets knifed (seldom fatally) it's the spark for the city fathers to talk about "cleaning up" a neighbourhood. The police spend 95% of their time locking up drunks or issuing speeding tickets. Most civic police don't even carry guns--only the RCMP do, and they are instructed only to draw their guns if they are themselves threatened.

Sorry about that tirade. For a warmonger in Dippy, I do go on, don't I?

All the best,
Don Tinker
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1982 AM

JALAPENO

S 1907

AUSTRIAN DESPAIR DEEPENS; BRITISH
VIE WITH NEW SULTAN FOR RUSS LANDS

> Turkish retreats were omitted last time. In fact, Turkey NRRed and the other players were notified that his dsl units in Mos & Ion were disbanded. Dick Martin was appointed to standby for spring.

> Both draw proposals failed. Incredibly, there are no new ones this season.

ENGLAND (David Pierce): A Mos-UKR, A Stp-MOS, A Kie-LVN (F BOT s), A Ruh-MUN (A BUR s), A Edi-NWY (F NTH c), F Bar-NWO, A LON h, F ALB s Italian A Rom-Gre.
GERMANY (Terry Suitor): F BAL c English A Kie-Lvn, A BER-Sil, A PRU-War.
ITALY (Gregg Fritz): A Pie-TYO, A Tri-VIE, A Ven-TRI (F Alb s [nsu]), A ROM-Gre (F Trh c [nsu] & F ION c), F TUN s F Ion, F ADR & F NAP u, h.
AUSTRIA (Bryan Jurkowski): F GRE-Bul(sc) (A SER s), A Gal-RUM (A BUD s), A SIL-Gal.
TURKEY (Dick Martin): F BLA-Rum, A WAR-Gal, F EAS s F Aeg, F AEG s A Bul, A BUL s English F Alb-Gre [nsol].

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TURKEY-TURKEY: I can see why you don't really want this position.

TURKEY: What a costly game. This set of orders has already run me not one but two orange pens! Who knows what will happen if I actually get the spot!

BERLIN: The New Garman Press Agency announced today that the last major city was captured from the Austrians. A final campaign will be launched to clear the red stain from the east of the fatherland.

BUDAPEST-POPE: Go for it, guy!

BUDAPEST-GERMANY: Now is the time for all good puppets to die.

BUDAPEST-JIM: Where are you?

BUDAPEST-ALL: What did the dog say after its tail was cut off in the lawnmower? He said, "It won't be long now." I know how he felt.



Deadline for all LSD games:

3 July 1984

(my birthday)

(presents graciously accepted)

★ ROUNDUP of Texas & International News

84 RUNESTONE POLL. Its not too late to rate your most and least favorite Dipzines and GMs in the 8th Annual North American Zine Poll and the 7th Annual N.A. GM Poll. Rate each zine of which you have seen more than two issues and each GM under which you play. Use the following scale: 0 (lowest) to 10 (highest), whole numbers only. List votes alphabetically by zine or GM, respectively. Rate subzines separately from parent zines. Do not rate your own GMing or zines. Sign your ballot and indicate how you participate in the hobby. Ballots will be confidential. The deadline is June 29, 1984. Send your ballot to Randolph Smyth, 212 Aberdeen St. S.E., Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 0R1. Results will be released as soon as tabulated to anyone who wishes to phone Randolph at 1-403-526-7963.

PDO AUCTION. Send a SASE to Mike Mills, 26 Laurel Road, Sloatsburg, NY 10974 for your copy of the spring 84 catalog of items up for auction to raise money for various postal Diplomacy activities. There are some intriguing items up for grabs, including games, subs to Dipzines, back issues of some scarce Dipzines, pictures, and other hobby miscellanea. It's for a good cause. Check it out.

PLUG. Jim Meinel sent me a couple of back issues of his computer-produced THE PRINCE. He uses the Apple Lisa's LisaWrite program and the accompanying dot-matrix printer (he complains that it's too slow, but cheaper than buying his own). Not only does it look impressive, it has several curious subzines, and of course games. It is also unique in being the coldest zine in North America. Sample it: PO Box 832, Anchorage, Alaska 99510.

SOCRATES AWARD. Don Williams, 217-B Craig Ct., Redlands, CA 92374, who publishes FIAT BELLUM, is soliciting nominations for the "Socrates Award", to be given to the best diplomat in the hobby, i.e., someone who manages to stay on one's good side despite the pitfalls of this bellicose hobby. Its fine to laud the best backstabbers, liars, and other villainous types. After all, those are some of the most successful gamers. But to me, the best diplomat is one who get you to do his bidding and like it.

DIP. John Caruso has come up with a publication designed to give out at FTF Dippy sessions to introduce postal play to those who should expand their gaming horizons. I haven't seen a copy yet, but this is something that should have been done long ago. You can probably get a copy from the pubber of WHITESTONIA by sending a SASE to 160-02 43rd Ave., Flushing, NY 11358. And say hi for me while you're at it.

GREAT MOMENTS IN DATA PROCESSING



1490 ... THE SPANISH INQUISITION
PIONEERS NEW METHODS FOR
INCREASING MEMORY CAPACITY.

DON MILLER AWARD. Service to postal Diplomacy is the criterion for this honor. The nominees this year, Lee Kendter, Sr., Ron Brown of Canada, Gary Coughlan, Roy Henricks, and Mike Mills, have made outstanding contributions to the hobby, and deserve a few of your minutes and one of your postage stamps. Send your vote to Larry Peery, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102.

PLUG. I have read that Conrad von Metzke has revived his venerable zine COSTAGUANA, the first Dipzine I ever subscribed to, almost exactly 11 years ago. It used to be a fairly large-circulation ditto zine, with a sense of humor that ticked my particular funny bone. I still have some of those back issues in my filing cabinet, so I can't wait to get the new incarnation. Get your sample for a SASE to PO Box 27273, San Diego, CA 92128.

STANDBY LIST. Byrne, Fritz, Mayes, Meinel, Pierce, Quinn, and Tinker. Your name comes off the list at your request or when you take over an NMR position. There's always room for more.

M-GAME. Fritz, Pierce, Smith, Tatsch (or Mayes), Milewski, Albrecht, Tinker, and Quinn have signed up in that order for the M-game. Geographical considerations may prevent the first seven from playing, so let me know if anyone else is interested. The game will start when one of the current games comes to an end, or maybe a little sooner. Some of the waiters have been twiddling their thumbs for quite a while, and I'm considering expanding LSD to six pages. Another game would help fill the space, as would contributions from loyal readers. Conrad Minshall got two issues for his article in last month's issue, and your contributions will also be rewarded.

W 1982 HU **King Ranch** F 1905
**TSAR SWAPS SC WITH ENGLAND;
LOSES BALKAN GROUND TO POPE**

> Summer 1905: France dsb F Wal; Russia ret
dsl A Ser-Rum.

ENGLAND (Don Scheifler): A Wal-LPL,
F LON h, F DEN-Swa, F Nwg-NWY (F BAR s),
A Sto-MOS.

FRANCE (Conrad Minshall): A Bur-PIC
(F ENG s), A Gas-PAR, F Mid-BRE.

GERMANY (Paul Milewski): A Bel-BUR
(A MUN s), A SER s A Mun, A Pic-BEL
(A RUE s).

ITALY (Bill Quinn): A Tyo-VIE (A BOH s),
A SER-Bud (A TRI s), A Alb-Ser (A BUL s),
F AEG s A Bul, F Adr-ION.

RUSSIA (Fred Winter): A Lvn-STP, A Vie-GAL,
F ELA-Con, A Sev-ARM, A Nwg-Swa (dsl, ret
to Fin or dsbl, A BUD h (A RUM s).

TURKEY (Seth Owen): A Arm-ANK (A CON s),
F SMY s A Con.

> Thanks to Kathy Byrne, whose standby orders
were not needed.

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FRANCE-GERMANY: Bel & Mun were terribly
trembling but I took your advice. Happy?
FRANCE-TURKEY: You're still in this game?
Write me and prove it.
WESTERN MED-ITALY: F Adr(ienne)-Con(roe)?
That's impossible. I mean, I thought the
Pope was supposed to be celibate! Careful!

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS FOR WINTER ADJUSTMENTS.

E: Home, Dan, Nwy, <u>Stp</u> , MOS	6/even
F: Home, Spa, Por	5/build 1
	[1 dsbl]
G: Home, Bel, Hol	5/even
I: Home, Tun, Tri, Vie, SER,	
Bul, Gre	9/build 1
R: War, Sev, STP, <u>Mos</u> , Rum,	
Bud, Swe, <u>Ser</u>	6/remove 1
T: Home	3/even

now, next time might bring twins.
EARTH-ENGLAND: Do you read?
GERMANY-WORLD: I feel like a slice of
salami with very large pieces of bread
coming at me from all sides.
GERMANY-EUROPE: Something about this game
reminds me of the time I watched helplessly
from my back porch as a large snake worked
its way up a phone pole in my back yard, to
which I had attached a bird house someone
had given me. The pole was near a creek,
and the sound of the baby birds must have
attracted the snake's attention. Despite
the protestation of the parent birds, the
snake leisurely disappeared into the bird
house, only to reappear shortly thereafter
and slip away back down the pole. No more
baby birds. I told my brother-in-law about
it. His reaction? "Snakes have to eat,
too." Ever since, that has been a household
saying of ours.
TV-WORLD: Sorry for the NMR! I've been in
the field a lot this spring.



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available in LSD's last game.
Standbys: Sub credit for standbys who
play to the end of game or elimination.
Awards: Winners get 20 free issues of
LSD or equivalent, 2-way drawees get
14 issues, all other survivors get 10, &
eliminated players get 6.

Alan B. Calhmer invented DIPLOMACY,
which was first published in 1959. The
Avalon-Hill Game Company now publishes it.



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